



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mr. John A. Hammargren
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **APRIL 29, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañño called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañño led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañño
Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall
John A. Hammargren
Carl E. Moore

Excused Absence

Staff

Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

APPROVAL OF APRIL 22, 2009, MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Hammargren, and unanimously carried, the minutes of April 22, 2009, were approved with no changes.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Montaña reported on one (1) news article:

- “Social Workers Say They’re Not To Blame”, Los Angeles Times, April 29, 2009, regarding fourteen children who died last year of abuse and neglect in Los Angeles County because of the huge caseloads placed on Social Workers.

Commissioner Moore joined the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$1,288.93.

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION QUARTERLY REPORT

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice-Chair Bacio, and unanimously carried, the “Los Angeles County Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections Quarterly Report to the Board of Supervisors January – March 2009” and the “2009 1st Quarter Report of Inspections” was approved with no changes.

GROUP HOMES INSPECTIONS

On motion by Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Commissioner Moore, with a vote of five ayes: Vice-Chair Bacio, Commissioners: Bigby, Hall, Hammargren and Moore, and one nay: Chair Montaña, the Commission approved the following; Group Homes will be inspected on an as needed basis but not less than annually.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

Commissioner Bigby reviewed the following Audit Report with the Commission:

The Turmont Home for Boys/Girls Group Home – 60, #3, Audit report dated April 8, 2009 revealed all areas of concerns have been corrected.

Commissioner Hammargren reviewed the following Audit Reports with the Commission:

The Los Angeles Youth Network Home (Beachwood) – 35, #1 and Los Angeles Youth Network Home (Taft House), – 35, #2 Audit report dated April 10, 2009 revealed all areas of concerns have been corrected.

The Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services (Main Campus) – 61, #5 and Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services (Boys Group Home) – 61, #4, Audit report dated April 15, 2009 revealed all areas of concerns have been corrected.

**FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM APRIL 22, 2009, TO
APRIL 28, 2009**

Dangerfield Group Home III – 13, #2 – Commissioner Moore

The facility was visited on April 17, 2009, and found to be satisfactory.

Area of Concerns: Individual Rights not posted; Staff files and Treatment Team minutes were not available.

East Los Angeles PAU – Commissioner Bacio

The facility was visited on April 23, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Hathaway-Sycamores Children and Family Services – 27, #1 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on April 24, 2009, and found to be in good condition.

Long Beach Branch Courthouse – Commissioners Montañó and Hammargren

The facility was visited on April 27, 2009, and found to be in need of improvements.

Area of Concerns: Floor needs to be repaired and cleaned; holding cell needs to be cleaned.

Eggleston Youth Center (Emancipation) – 16, #4 – Commissioner Bigby

The facility was visited on April 28, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Need more linen, towels, blankets and comforters; bathroom needs new tile, needs bathroom mirror; bathroom cabinet needs to be painted.

Cunningham's Group Home – 12, #4 – Commissioners Bacio and Hall

The facility was visited on April 28, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Two (2) bedrooms need to be cleaned up.

David and Margaret Home (Winterhaven) – 14, #1 – Commissioners Montañó and Hammargren

The facility was visited on April 28, 2009, and no one was home.

Ha're John's Paradise – 26, #3 – Commissioners Moore

The facility was visited on April 28, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concerns: Linen closet needs to be cleaned up; closets needs to be cleaned and organized; Individual Rights, House Rules, and Chores need to be posted; Disaster Drills need to be conducted; all documentation needs to be in view of children; bathrooms needs to be stocked with more toiletries.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Hall gave a presentation at South West College on "Sexual Violence Prevention and Education" on "Denim Day" April 22, 2009.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Davis
Commission Services Division